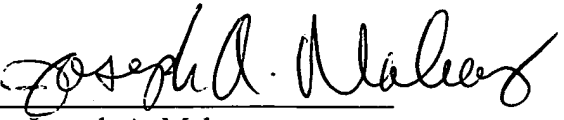


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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/920,392
Filing Date	August 1, 2001
First Named Inventor	ZOUBOULIS, Christos
Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	LANKFORD JR, LB
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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other Amendment and Response to May 7, 2003, final Office Action

- b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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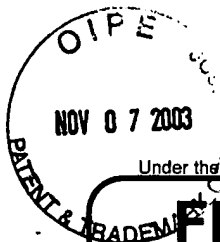
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 385.00**Complete if Known**

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
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1003	510	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	760	2004	366	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	960	2253	466	Extension for reply within third month	
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1401	310	2401	166	Notice of Appeal	
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1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,130	2453	666	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1503	610	2503	310	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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